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HIROAKI ENDO)	
	:	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Application No.: 10/706,942)	
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Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

FOREIGN PATENTS:

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
2001-275077	Japan	October 5, 2001
2000-270576	Japan	September 29, 2000

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>	<u>INVENTOR(S)</u>
09/316,026	May 21, 1999	2615	Hiroaki Endo

A copy of each cited Application is enclosed.

REMARKS

Each of the JP '077 and '576 references is cited at page 2 of the specification, and is believed pertinent for the reasons set forth therein. English translations of the Japanese documents are not presently available to Applicant's attorney, but may be provided if required by the Examiner. English abstracts for each of the JP '077 and '576 references obtained from a commercial database, and U.S. Published Application No. 2001-0036357A1, listed as being in the same patent family as the JP '077 reference, also are enclosed as English language statements of relevance for the Examiner's consideration.

FEE STATEMENT

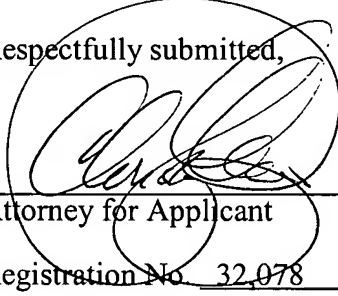
The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the present application, or prior to the mailing of an initial official action. Accordingly, Applicant believes that no fee is required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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